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## Open Invitation

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Standing between the sacraments,  
hostess with host,  
I lift the cup of communion:  
union, communal, community  
come.

*Come. Drink life.  
Bring life. Live life.  
Come to my table.  
Sit at my table.  
Learn from my table:  
Eat sacrifice.  
Go, invite, lead, serve.*

Blood of Christ,  
red-celled platelet blood  
like mine, only more.

Shed for me: not daughter, but child.

Taut veins pulse  
under the weight of the cup.  
Blood cleansed by its contents  
poured out, I will pour out, too.

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